

Villiers Primary School



Nursery &
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Nursery

This week in English we have been linking all of our work to 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We used puppets to act out the story in our Three Bears Cottage role-play area and tried to join in with repeated phrases in the story.

Next week we will be using our book corner to share books. Please send in your child's reading books, diary and words next week so we can change your child's book.

In Maths we have been sorting out objects for Daddy Bear, Mummy Bear and Baby Bear into 3 piles.

Next week we will continue to sort objects, but this time into hard and soft objects.

In Topic we have been making play dough bears from ball and sausage shapes, which was huge fun!

Next week we will be going on Autumn walks around the school garden and seeing what we can find.

Every day we have time to show the other children work, certificates or other special achievements brought in from home – things the children have made or souvenirs of places they've visited, or things the children have found on their walks, like conkers and acorns.

Thank you if you've already sent things in and feel free to do so if you haven't!

Remember it is Parents Evening on Monday from 2-3 and 4-6 o'clock. All our appointments have been filled from 2-3 o'clock, although you can still come and look at your child's book without an appointment. We still have appointments left for the evening session. Please come and ask if you need an appointment time. It will be lovely to meet you to let you know how your child has settled into Nursery.

Reception

This week Reception have enjoyed looking at their new book 'The Three Little Pigs'. In English we have been listening for the sounds in words and at sequencing the story.

In Maths we have been learning about 2D shapes and their names. We have been able to describe a number of them. Children used 2D shapes to create a 'little piggy' house.

In Topic we have been learning about Autumn. We have been looking at the animals we see during Autumn time. The children collected leaves and used them to create their own Hedgehog.

Next week we will be looking at the story, 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Children will be estimating the size of beanstalks in Maths. In English we will be continuing to listen to the sounds in words and having a go at writing them. In Topic we are going to practise our cutting skills, see if you can have a go this weekend.

Remember it is Parents Evening on Monday from 2-3 and 4-6 o'clock. If you have requested an appointment, slips will have been given out with your times. We are looking forward to meeting you and having a chat about your child.

Have a lovely weekend don't forget to practise your reading.

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Year 1

Year 1 have had an exciting start to the week with a visit from Timepiece. We have been investigating toys from the past in our History lessons. We looked at lots of old toys and were shown the games that children played in the past. Please talk to your children and/or grandchildren about your favourite childhood toys.

In English this week we made our own puppets of characters from the story of The Gingerbread Man. Then we acted out the story in the classroom, we all enjoyed chasing the gingerbread man, especially the fox who ate him at the end!

We have been making good progress in Maths working on partitioning teen numbers. Sometimes 12 is written as 21 but we are working on writing it correctly.

Science took us outside looking for examples of living and non-living things. We also have a nature table so if you find any pine cones or conkers or any other interesting signs of Autumn, please bring them to school.

Year 2

Year 2 have had an exciting week preparing for Kingswood. A reminder for all parents that your child will be bringing home a form from Kingswood that needs to be completed as soon as possible.

In English this week we have been rounding off our very popular Fairy Tale topic. We have been writing our own stories that include a range of characters, settings and events. You could ask your child to act out the story that they have independently written in school. Next week, we will begin work on instructional texts. This weekend you could encourage your child to look for sets of instructions that they could bring into school and show.

In Maths this week we have been focusing on addition. We have used number lines, 100 squares and even created our own number lines. Next week we are going to focus on the inverse (subtraction). You could help your child by writing lists of sums and they have to check them using the inverse.

We would like to thank parents for helping their child complete their class representative forms. Today we have voted and the representatives will be announced next week.

Have a lovely weekend!

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Year 3

This week in English we have been using descriptive and amazing adjectives about The Twits. We've also been correcting punctuation about them on an extract about them (The Twits)

This Week in Maths we have been subtracting and adding coins. To help us we have been using new coins. Some were even real coins!

In Topic we have been looking at Stone Age weapons. In our sketchbooks, we have been drawing some Stone Age weapons from research we found ourselves.

In Science we have been drawing round our bodies and identifying bones in the skeleton and what role they play. (Written by Arjun Toora 3SC)

During Science next week we will be focusing on muscles and the role they play in helping the human body to move.

In Topic the children are going to use the information they have gathered on Stone Age tools and weapons to make their own. During English next week the children will be writing play scripts based on The Twits.

Year 4

This week in English we have been reading and writing fables. We have been looking at the features of a fable and have been trying to use a range of sentence types. We have been learning about the different clauses and how to add detail to our writing. Thank you to everyone for their efforts with this weeks English homework. We know it is tricky but it is something that we feel will really benefit the children's writing. We will continue to practise this during future English lessons.

In Maths we have been subtracting using expanded decomposition. We found that partitioning the numbers really helped us to see the value of each numbers.

In Science we have been finding out how our ears work and how sound travels through them. Did you know that the smallest bone in our body is in our ears?

During Topic this week we continued to learn about the Anglo-Saxons. This week we were finding out about where they came from and what their settlements were like. We designed our own settlement based on their needs.

Please remember that we have P.E. every week on a Friday and that children must have their full indoor and outdoor kit.

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Year 5

It has been another fantastically, fun-filled, foraging frenzy this week at the forest for the fabulous 5.

When Year 5 went down to the woods today they were sure to have a surprise. They enjoyed building dens, as part of a team, and creating pieces of art using natural materials.

This week in Maths we have been focusing on the formal method of column addition and applying this towards problems. Next week we will be moving on to column subtraction.

In English we have continued with the story, Street Child. The children started with a reflective debate about which character they thought had had the hardest life. They then practised using emotive language within a newspaper report. The children even looked at using personification and metaphors within their writing.

Please ensure children are continuing to practise their spellings every night at home as this will help them during their spelling test on a Friday.

Year 5 Staff.

Year 6

This week has been a great week for Year 6. In English we have been identifying, explaining and commenting on language used within 'Goodnight Mr Tom' and have focused on using formal language within a letter, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

In Maths, Miss Woolley's group have been directing their learning on multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and 100, Mrs Kaur's Maths group have been multiplying whole numbers and decimals, using formal methods and Mr Critchlow's have been learning about Roman Numerals.

Today children spent valuable time down in the woods, where they were able to observe and record a variety of different living things, in their natural habitat.

Next week in English children will have the opportunity to perform, analyse and write Blitz poetry and in Maths concentrate on written methods for multiplication and division.

Please ensure children are continuing to practise their spellings every night at home as this will help them during their spelling test on a Friday.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you on parent's evening Monday!

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